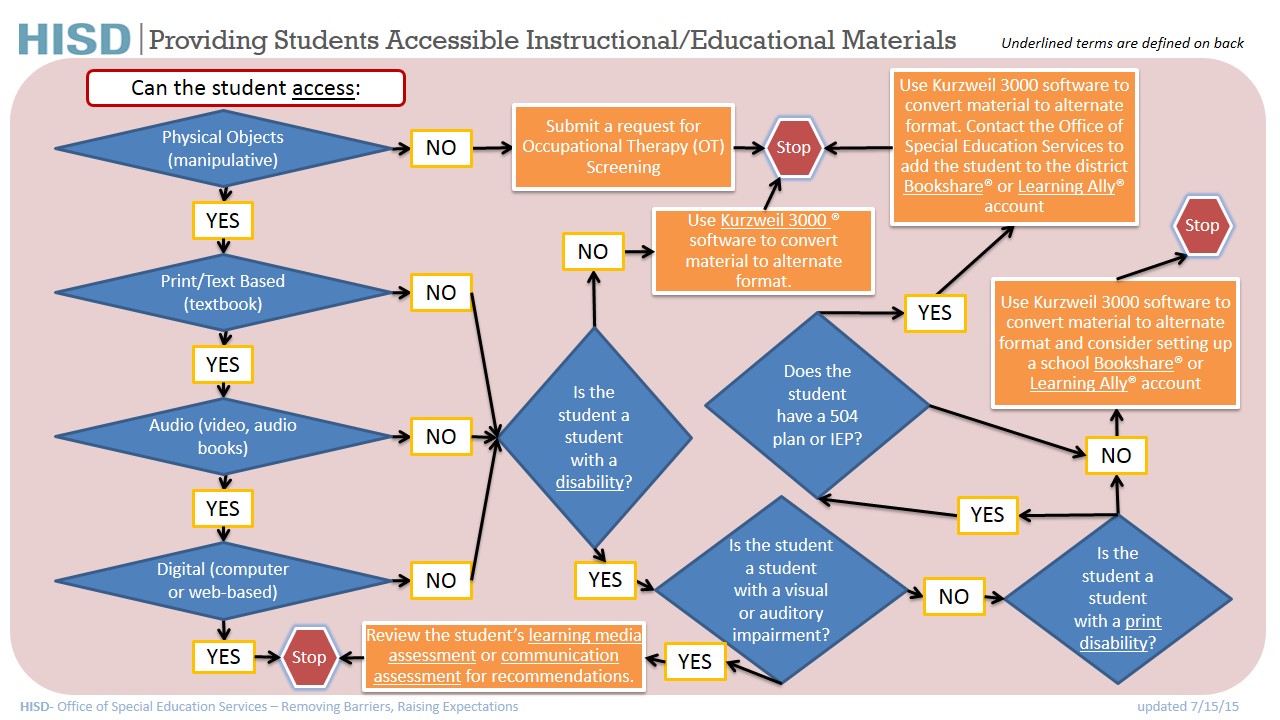
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**Key terms defined:**

**Access** - the ability to obtain and use for the intended purpose.

**Kurzweil 3000®** – ([www.kurzweiledu.com](http://www.kurzweiledu.com/)) an integrated text-to-speech/scan-to-read software provided for all students and teachers throughout the Houston ISD. This software enables students and teachers to convert any text based content (hard copy, digital document, web-based material) to malleable text.

**Bookshare®** – ([www.bookshare.org/cms](http://www.bookshare.org/cms)) A free resource sponsored by the Texas Education Agency for K-12 students who qualify as students with a print disability. This resource provides all books in a digital format for use on computers and mobile devices.

**Disability** – a legal term defined by the Individuals with Disability Education Act of 2004 (<http://idea.ed.gov/>) , the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/reg/narrative.html>) , and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (<http://www.ada.gov/>) . There are slight variations in definitions between the Acts. The Houston ISD has the responsibility of providing AIM/AEM for any student who is identified as a student with disability under any of these federal mandates.

**Learning Ally®** – (<https://go.learningally.org/educators/state-landing-pages/texas/>) A free resource sponsored by the Texas Education Agency for K-12 students who qualify as students with a print disability. This resource provides audio books many recorded audio books are read aloud by volunteer readers providing the student with a human read aloud experience.

**Print disability** – a term used by Bookshare® and Learning Ally® to determine who qualifies to receive books through the service. The term is based on the eligibility requirements of “individuals who are blind and physically handicapped” provided in the Chafee Amendment to the Copyright Act (for more information see <http://aim.cast.org/learn/policy/federal/copyright>). For the purposes of this document see “Who Qualifies” on the Bookshare® website ([www.bookshare.org/cms/bookshare-me/who-qualifies](http://www.bookshare.org/cms/bookshare-me/who-qualifies)).

**Learning Media Assessment** – An assessment performed by a certified teacher for students with visual impairment providing AIM/AEM recommendations specific to the individual learner. This assessment can be found in the student’s special education eligibility folder.

**Communication Assessment** – An assessment performed by a certified teacher for students with auditory impairment providing AIM/AEM recommendations specific to the individual learner. This assessment can be found in the student’s special education eligibility folder.